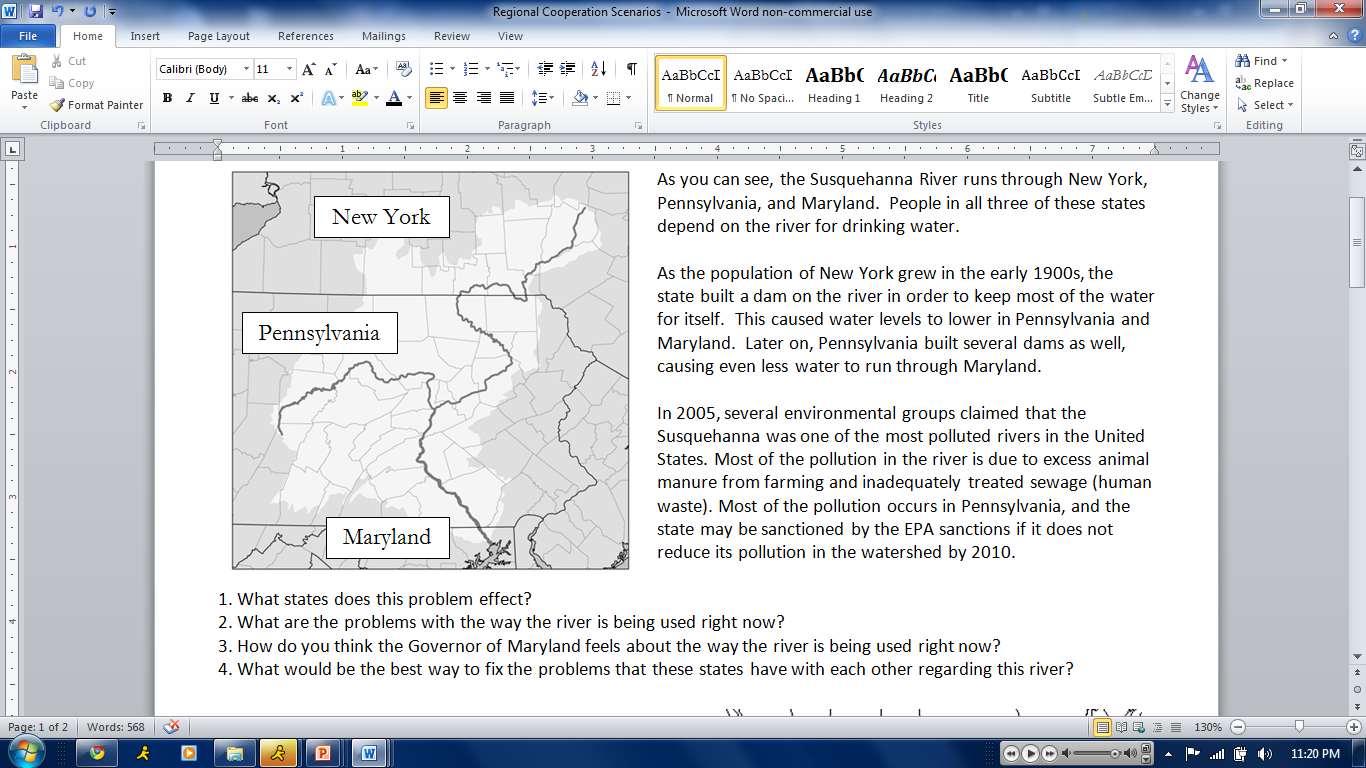
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| **Call to Order** | **What’s a Region?** | **What’s Regional Cooperation?** |
| Create a picture that shows “cooperation” |  |  |

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| **1. Why would there be a requirement to start a basketball team?** |  |
| **2. Is Vivien T. Thomas going to be able to start up its own girls’ basketball team? Why or why not?** |  |
| **3. Because Vivien T. Thomas is in our region of the city, what might we do to solve our common problem?** |  |
| **4. How did cooperation benefit both of our schools?** |  |
| **5. What are some problems that states would have to work together in order to fix?** |  |
| **6. Why do states have to cooperate in order to protect the environment?** |  |
| **7. What are some causes of air pollution in Baltimore City?** |  |
| **8. What could these states do in order to protect themselves from air pollution?** |  |
| **9. What should happen to a state that goes over its limit?** |  |
| **10. What should happen to a state that stays under it limit?** |  |
| **11. Why would Maryland be more likely to form this agreement with New Jersey instead of California?** |  |
| **12. How does regional cooperation help states solve problems that they otherwise wouldn’t be able to?**  **(at least 4 sentences)** |  |

**Susquehanna River Activity**

As you can see, the Susquehanna River runs through New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. People in all three of these states depend on the river for drinking water.

As the population of New York grew in the early 1900s, the state built a dam on the river in order to keep most of the water for itself. This caused water levels to lower in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Later on, Pennsylvania built several dams as well, causing even less water to run through Maryland.

In 2005, several environmental groups claimed that the Susquehanna was one of the most polluted rivers in the United States. Most of the pollution in the river is due to excess animal [manure](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manure) from [farming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farming) and inadequately treated [sewage](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanitary_sewer_overflow) (human waste). Most of the pollution occurs in Pennsylvania, and the state may be sanctioned by the [EPA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Environmental_Protection_Agency) sanctions if it does not reduce its pollution in the watershed by 2010.

**1. What states does this problem effect?**

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**2. What are the problems with the way the river is being used?**

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**3. How do you think the Governor of Maryland feels about the way the river is being used right now?**

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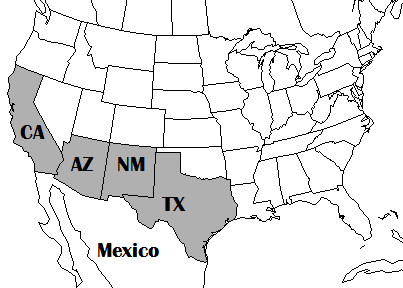
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**4. What would be the best way to fix the problems that these states have with each other regarding this river?**

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**The U.S.-Mexico Border**

As you can see, the border between the United States and Mexico is nearly 2,000 miles long and follows much of the Rio Grande, the river flows between the two nations.

The [U.S.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States)–[Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico) border has the second highest number of both legal and illegal crossings of any land border in the world with nearly 350,000 people crossing the border each year. The border is guarded by more than twenty thousand [border patrol agents](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Border_Patrol), more than any time in its history. There are an estimated half a million [illegal entries](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illegal_entry) into the United States each year.[[17]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico_%E2%80%93_United_States_border#cite_note-16) Border Patrol activity is concentrated around big border cities such as [San Diego](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego) and [El Paso](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El_Paso,_Texas) which do have extensive border fencing.

As time goes on, the economies of counties along the U.S.-Mexico border have become dependent on migrant Mexican laborers, and some governors have been slow to take individual measures to curb the illegal immigration for fear of a backlash from the growing Latino population in their communities who may feel unfairly targeted by new laws restricting the border.

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**2. What are the problems with the way the border is being used right now?**

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**3. Why are the state governors more reluctant to act to stop illegal immigration?**

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**4. What would be the best way to fix the problems that these states have with illegal immigration?**

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